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University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) has a chapter at the University of Iowa claiming a membership of about fifty. In June of 1968 at a recent meeting, it was announced there were only twenty-nine dues paying members.

The SDS is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

There is also a newly formed group at Iowa City using the name Iowa City Resist. This organization has no officers and has not requested recognition by the university on campus. The SDS reportedly controls Iowa City Resist and they use the latter name when they engage in activity in protest of the draft. The leaders of the SDS are Dennis Russell Ankrum, regional organizer for the SDS; Stephen George Morris, president of the SDS; Frederick Lee Barnett, Treasurer of the SDS. Morris and Barnett are also the leaders in the Iowa City Resist. Edward Charles Hoffmans, who until recently has been on the faculty at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is reportedly to become affiliated with Iowa City Resist this summer.

Dennis Russell Ankrum is a white male American, born June 5, 1947, at Webster City, Iowa, and resides at Route 1, Kalona, Iowa. He is a student at the University of Iowa. He was arrested by the Iowa City Police Department on October 1, 1966, for possession of narcotics, and the case was dismissed for lack of evidence. He was arrested November 1, 1967, by the Iowa City Police Department, charged with disturbing the peace in connection with a demonstration.

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on that date on the University of Iowa campus. He was fined fifty dollars and costs. He failed to pay this fine and was placed in the county jail on December 6, 1967, to serve eleven days and was released on December 10, 1967, when he paid the fine. He was arrested on January 11, 1968, on an indictment charging him with conspiracy in connection with his activities during a demonstration on the University of Iowa campus on December 5, 1967. This matter has not been disposed of by the court. Ankrum's activity hinges around organization of the SDS in Iowa and participation in demonstrations protesting the Vietnam War and the draft. In May of 1968, he wrote an article appearing in "Middle Earth", an underground newspaper at Iowa City, Iowa, discussing racism and suggesting that persons in ghetto areas be contacted by the New Left, teaching them that police officers are their common enemies and that black violence is justified.

[redacted] is a white male American, [redacted] at Prescott, Iowa. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and resides at [redacted] [redacted] Iowa. He is a student at the University of Iowa. [redacted] was arrested by the Iowa City police on [redacted] in connection with his participation in a demonstration at the University of Iowa and charged with disturbing the peace. He has also been charged with conspiracy in Iowa City in connection with his activity in a demonstration [redacted] which case has not been disposed of by the court. He turned in his draft cards at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 16, 1967, and on December 4, 1967, he submitted a statement to the United States Marshal at Des Moines, Iowa, and on April 3, 1968, he mailed a similar statement to the United States Department of Justice, stating he would not cooperate with Selective Service. He has been active in organizing and leading demonstrations against the Vietnam War and the draft.

[redacted] is a white male American, [redacted] Eddyville, Iowa. He is single and has had no military service. He resides at [redacted] [redacted] Iowa. He has served two years voluntary service as [redacted] was arrested [redacted] by the Police Department, Iowa City, Iowa, charged with disturbing the peace in connection

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with a demonstration on the University of Iowa campus. He participated in a demonstration at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 16, 1967, and turned in his draft cards to the United States Marshal. He has participated in demonstrations at the University of Iowa protesting the Vietnam War and the draft.

[redacted] is a white male American, [redacted] Emporia, Kansas. He was employed [redacted] University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. He turned in portions of his Selective Service Registration Certificate and Notice of Classification to the United States Marshal at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 16, 1967, and participated in an anti-draft demonstration on that date. He has appeared before students at other Iowa colleges, urging them to resist the draft. He has been ordered to report for work assignment in lieu of induction into the Armed Forces.

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On November 1, 1967, the SDS sponsored a demonstration at the Iowa Memorial Union Building in protest of the presence of the United States Marine Recruiters on the campus on that date. When the demonstrators did not disperse after being requested to by University authorities, local police arrested one hundred eight persons and the demonstration stopped.

On December 5, 1967, the SDS at University of Iowa sponsored a demonstration in protest of the presence of Dow Chemical Company recruiters at the Memorial Union Building. Violence erupted during this demonstration and eighteen arrests were made, which stopped the demonstration. All other demonstrations at the University of Iowa have been orderly and peaceful, and have not disrupted the University schedules, and no arrests have been made. These demonstrations include July 20, 1967, when about fifteen young people demonstrated in front of the post office in Iowa City prior to the time a bus departed to take inductees to Des Moines, Iowa, for physical examinations. On that same date, approximately fourteen demonstrators conducted an orderly and peaceful demonstration outside the gate at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

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On October 19, 1967, a peaceful demonstration occurred on the campus at University of Iowa protesting the War in Vietnam, which attracted more than two hundred fifty people. On April 4, 1968, there was an anti-war anti-draft rally at MacBride Auditorium, University of Iowa in which approximately four hundred persons attended in support of individuals who planned to turn in their draft cards and other material relating to military service.

On April 5, 1968, an impromptu rally was held on the campus of University of Iowa to denounce the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

On May 1, 1968, about one hundred fifty students demonstrated at the fieldhouse on the University of Iowa campus protesting the War in Vietnam. Petitions were presented to Governor Hughes of Iowa.

On June 14, 1968, thirteen University of Iowa students participated in a demonstration for one and one-half hours in front of the United States post office in Iowa City, denouncing the United States' participation in the War in Vietnam and pleading support of [redacted]  
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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticomunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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Lincoln, Nebraska

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at University of Nebraska has an approximate membership of fifteen members.

The SDS is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

The most recent leaders at University of Nebraska are David Hugh Bunnell, recently made president. Bunnell is a white male American, born July 25, 1947, Alliance, Nebraska, graduated from Alliance High School, 1965, and resides at 812 Yellowstone Street, Alliance, Nebraska.

[redacted] was recently made treasurer in March, 1968, [redacted]. She is a white female American, graduated from Central High School, [redacted], Omaha.

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There has been no activity of this group during the past summer months.

In February, 1968, Dennis Ankrum, regional organizer for SDS, from University of Iowa, addressed a meeting of about fifteen members at the University of Nebraska, attempting to create more interest in the SDS on the campus. On March 8, 1968, a group of SDS

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members, varying from seven to twenty, peacefully picketed the Nebraska Student Union protesting the Dow Chemical Company recruiters on campus.

A prior peaceful demonstration protesting the Dow Chemical Company on campus was held November 21, 1967. There has been no violence and no arrests at the University of Nebraska.

The Omaha World-Herald for June 20, 1968, set out that the SDS at UN is declining, and there are fewer members now than when it was recognized by the University three years ago. The article set out that meetings in the Student Union usually draw twelve to fifteen students.

[redacted] has been the faculty advisor for SDS, and he left the University in June of 1968.

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Iowa State University (ISU)  
Ames, Iowa

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at ISU has approximately eight members, and activity has been on the decline for the past year.

The SDS is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

The present leaders of the SDS are [redacted]  
[redacted] He is a white male American,  
[redacted] New York.

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American, [redacted] white female [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois. Both of these students have been under investigation by the Ames, Iowa, Police Department for possession of hallucinatory pills and marijuana.

The declining activity of the SDS at ISU has been replaced by the formation of a newly organized group called the United Center (UC), which has about twenty-five members. The UC is comprised mainly of former SDS members and has a program of protesting the draft and advising students methods in which to evade the draft and denouncing the United States' participation in the War in Vietnam. The leader of the UC is [redacted]

[redacted] a white male American, [redacted] Pennsylvania. [redacted] turned in his Selective

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Service Certificate to the United States Marshal at Des Moines, Iowa, on December 5, 1967 with a signed statement protesting the War in Vietnam.

On May 3 and May 4, 1968, the United Center sponsored a peaceful demonstration on the ISU campus. There was no violence and no arrests at this demonstration.

There have been no SDS sponsored campus activities during the past year.



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University of Northern Iowa (UNI)  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

In March, 1968, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) organizational meeting was held at Northern Iowa, and about twenty students attended. Dennis Ankrum, regional SDS chairman, was the featured speaker.

The SDS is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

In April, 1968, the newly formed group changed its name from Students for a Democratic Society to Youth for a Better Society (YBS). This group, according to the "Northern Iowan", a student newspaper, reportedly had about five members who were members of the SDS.

Due to the recent organization, no leaders have been designated and no activities or demonstrations by this group have been held.

During April, 1968, the Chicago Area Draft Resisters (CADRE), an anti-draft group from Chicago, Illinois, held meetings on the UNI campus, but no demonstrations occurred.

[redacted] at UNI, has appeared with representatives of CADRE to answer questions about the draft and has passed out literature to the students concerning draft evasion.

[redacted] turned in his draft card to the United States Marshal at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 16, 1967, and has made numerous personal appearances before college

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students explaining his opposition to the draft. He has  
written numerous articles for the student newspaper.  
[redacted] is no longer employed by UNI.

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Luther College  
Decorah, Iowa

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) chapter was recognized by Luther College in April, 1968. It has approximately fifteen members and there have been no officers named. However, in June of 1968, [redacted] mentioned he is considering himself the new leader of the SDS at Luther. [redacted] recently took his pre-induction physical examination and expects to be inducted into the military in the near future.

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The SDS is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

There has been no violence or arrests made in connection with this group. Since they are only recently organized, their primary concerns have been with campus problems; however, the Luther chapter has been visited by representatives of the SDS from the University of Wisconsin for the purpose of furnishing literature and discussing the War in Vietnam and protesting the draft. Luther College has also been visited by members of the Chicago Area Draft Resisters (CADRE) an anti-draft organization from Chicago, Illinois. They have endeavored to interest SDS members at Luther to counsel students in evading the draft.

[redacted] are faculty advisors to the SDS. [redacted] will not return to Luther next year. His home has been used for a meeting place off campus.

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